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PLANT CELLS, AND RAPIDLY REGENERATING FERTILE PLANTS
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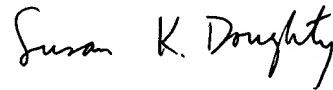
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Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed December 4, 2001, July 29, 2002, and November 5, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the additional reference, copy enclosed, which may qualify as prior art. For the Examiner's convenience, the reference is listed on the attached Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449.

References known to the applicants have been listed on PTO-1449. That information is cited in a spirit of forthrightness and cooperation to enable the applicants to obtain that measure of protection for the invention to which there is entitlement. However, no representation is made that the listed art actually qualifies as prior art under the patent statute and the mere use of PTO-1449 is not an admission that all listed references are prior art. No representation is made that applicants know of the best art.

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